

## WHY J. P. MORGAN SURRENDERED WILL

Explains Motives in Letter to  
Chief Justice Keith of  
Virginia.

## UNWILLING TO REVIVE CIVIL WAR ANIMOSITIES

Offers to Provide Receptacle if Doc-  
ument Is Deposited at  
Mount Vernon.

"Rather than revive the memories of ancient strife long since consigned to oblivion by the good sense and good feeling and patriotism of the people of the United States, I greatly prefer to waive such personal rights as I believe I have in this matter," writes J. Pierpont Morgan of New York in his recent letter to Justice James Keith of the supreme court of appeals of Virginia in delivering the Martha Washington will to the state of Virginia through Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway. The text of the letter which was delivered last week to Justice Keith in Richmond has just been made public.

While Mr. Morgan insists on the absolute right of possession as maintained by his father, and later by himself, through the purchase of the will, he disposes of the suit brought against him by the commonwealth of Virginia in the Supreme Court of the United States by returning it on patriotic grounds, and because of his expressed admiration for the people and traditions of Virginia, and because he would not revive rancor long since died away.

### Taken by Federal Soldier.

The will was drawn in 1800, and probated in 1802, and was taken from the archives of Fairfax county in 1862 by a Federal soldier. Mr. Morgan suggests that Mount Vernon should be the place for the will to be kept.

"You are, of course, aware of the unfortunate controversy," writes Mr. Morgan, "which has arisen as to the ownership and possession of the original will of Martha Washington. When I was first approached on this subject, an imputation seemed to me to be involved which was most unjust in character and deeply painful to me; this caused me at the time to determine to stand upon what seemed to be my legal rights, and to make no concessions in regard to them. The facts in regard to the history of this paper are as follows, according to the statement of Miss Mary Espy Thomson, from whom it was purchased by my father in the year 1893. Miss Thomson's statement is:

### How Will Was Taken.

"Lieut. Col. David Thomson, commanding the 32d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was, during the spring or autumn of 1862, stationed at Fairfax Court House, Va. His headquarters were in the court-house building. The afternoon of Friday, night and yesterday five papers were on the floor and had been destroyed in large quantities, used to kindle fires. My father going into the office, found his men shoveling the material from the floor for his use—called them to stop, and look over the material, found the document in question. Just preceding his death, in 1892, he gave the document to me, to be signed with as I thought proper."

### "MARRY ESPY THOMSON,"

2655 Irving Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn.

### Thinks Title Is Legal.

"The facts in the case have been submitted to eminent counsel, and I am advised that the title of my father's estate to the paper is, on well recognized legal principles, perfect and unassailable. An answer to the suit in the Supreme Court of the United States, brought by the commonwealth of Virginia, has been prepared and is ready to be filed in this matter."

"I do not wish that through any act of mine differences be settled should be recalled. Rather than revive the memories of ancient strife, long since consigned to oblivion by the good sense and good feeling and patriotism of the people of the United States, I greatly prefer to waive such personal rights as I believe I have in this matter."

"Moreover, I have the highest regard for the people of Virginia, and the pride of all Americans in their splendid traditions and lofty spirit. I have no reason to believe that their sentiment and interest have been aroused in respect to this document, and feel it to be a proper act on my part to return it to their keeping."

"In view of the foregoing, and of your eminent position as presiding justice of the supreme court of Virginia, and of the confidence and esteem in which you are justly held by that commonwealth, I hand you herewith the original will of Martha Washington, with a request that it be disposed of by you in such way as will best meet the approval and gratify the sentiment of Gov. Stuart and the people of Virginia."

"If I might be allowed to offer a suggestion, it would be that, because of my father's well known interest in Mount Vernon, and of my own connection with it as a member of the advisory board of the Mount Vernon Association, it seemed to me to be appropriate that a relic so closely associated with Washington should be preserved and available to the public at the place especially consecrated to his personal memory."

"Should it become possible to carry out this idea, it would give me satisfaction to provide at Mount Vernon an appropriate and fitting receptacle for the safekeeping and preservation of this and other precious relics of the past."

"I have entrusted this letter, together with the original will of Martha Washington, to our mutual friend, Mr. Fairfax Harrison, who has kindly undertaken to deliver them to you."

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## FLORIDA SOCIETY PLANS FOR THE COMING WINTER

Series of Entertainments Included in  
Program—Association Completes  
Its Organization.

The organization of the Florida Society, composed of Floridians residing in Washington, has been completed and plans are under way for a series of entertainments during the coming winter. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida is president.

The society has active and associate members. To be admitted to active membership it is necessary to have been at one time a bona fide resident of the state of Florida. Any one may become an associate member who is a member of the immediate family of an active member of the society.

**List of the Officers.**  
Senator Fletcher will preside until the first "annual" election, to be held in January, at which time it is most likely he will be re-elected. Other officers serving with him are Alfred H. Marsh, first vice president; Mrs. William Catto, second vice president; Mrs. Daniel H. Fowler, secretary, and George B. Selden, treasurer.

### Charter Members Enrolled.

The following charter members are enrolled: E. M. Blake, William C. Brooker, F. M. Burt, Mrs. F. M. Burt, Mrs. D. K. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. Canova, Miss Lillian Carter, Miss Constance Carter, William Catto and Mrs. Alexander Catto, Walter G. Coleman, J. Frank Duggan and Mrs. Susanne Duggan, Solace Earle and Mrs. Carolyn Earle, H. H. Falconer, D. M. Fletcher, Mrs. Julia P. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Fowler, G. P. Graham, Capt. and Mrs. William C. Harlee, Mrs. M. E. Herring, Edna D. Howell, Mrs. Ida M. Howell, John M. Howell, Mrs. T. J. Kemp, Mrs. E. T. Kilgore, George E. Lester, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Leggett, Mrs. John Marscher, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marsh, Mamie Meigs, Elizabeth Gates Perry, J. D. B. Peters, Mrs. I. W. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Ross E. Pollock, Mrs. Sadie R. Pons, Ida M. Roux, J. M. Roux, M. A. Roux, E. M. Savage, Frank W. Savage, Nellie Savage, Mrs. A. H. Seabrook, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Selden, Paul H. Selden, Curtis L. Sparkman, C. H. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Tabbutt, Lola Tate, Mrs. John Trice, Louis V. Vogt and Mrs. Carrie J. Vogt, K. W. Williams and Mrs. Jeannette B. Williams, Emmett Wilson and Raymond Wilson.

### OYSTERS MORE PLENTIFUL.

Demand, However, Equal to Supply,  
and Cargoes Quickly Sold.

Cool weather and the opening of the dredging season is causing the runboats to bring larger cargoes of oysters to the market here than they have been doing, and at the same time the demand is so heavy that the runboat masters are able to make quick sales of their cargoes. Friday night and yesterday five cargoes, with over 2,000 bushels of oysters, arrived here, but late yesterday afternoon it was estimated that less than 600 bushels were left at the wharf market.

"It is stated that the schooner Thomas W. Kirby and her boat Adela Ballenger will be here this morning, so that there will be no scarcity of oysters today when the buyers reach the wharf. Future cargoes have never been better than they are now, and with the good supply the oyster lover will be able to obtain what he wishes."

Those who cannot open oysters, or who do not care to do so, will find shuckers on hand ready to serve them for a small consideration.

### BENEFIT OF FRENCH ORPHANS.

Public Meeting for Women at  
Rauscher's Tomorrow Afternoon.

Miss Florence Schofield and Miss Elvira Fell, both natives of England and now on tour of the United States, are to be principal speakers at a public meeting, to which all women of Washington are invited, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at Rauscher's. Miss Schofield and Miss Fell are planning to establish in this country a branch of the Orphaned and Abandoned of France, a society which proposes, by additions to the government stipend allowed children of French soldiers killed in the war, to maintain them suitably in their own homes under proper guardianship until they reach their majority.

They have already interested many people in preliminary plans for forming an American branch with national headquarters here, and have promises from a number of them to maintain one or more of these orphaned children for a period of one or more years. Tomorrow's meeting is to bring the matter more definitely before the general public of the National Capital. Miss Schofield and Miss Fell will shortly visit other large cities of the United States in prosecution of their work.

### UNITE IN CELEBRATION.

Four Associations to Observe Elizabeth Stanton's Birthday.

A mass meeting Friday, November 12, in Carroll Institute Hall is announced in celebration here of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the noted suffrage leader. Co-operating in this meeting are four organizations—the Stanton Club, the State Equal Suffrage Association, the College Equal Suffrage League and the Washington Women's Suffrage Council—representing some 800 members.

Miss Mary O'Toole, president of the State Equal Suffrage Association, will preside.

Music for the occasion is to be furnished by Edward F. McCarthy and his three sons, the leader for the singing by the audience is Dr. Clifford Power Clark and the principal speaker is to be H. Martin Williams, reading clerk of the House of Representatives. Other speakers are Emma M. Gillett and Mrs. Helen H. Gardner, both of whom knew Mrs. Stanton personally, and Mrs. Frank Hiram Smith, lately returned from a seven months' campaign of suffrage work in Jersey City.

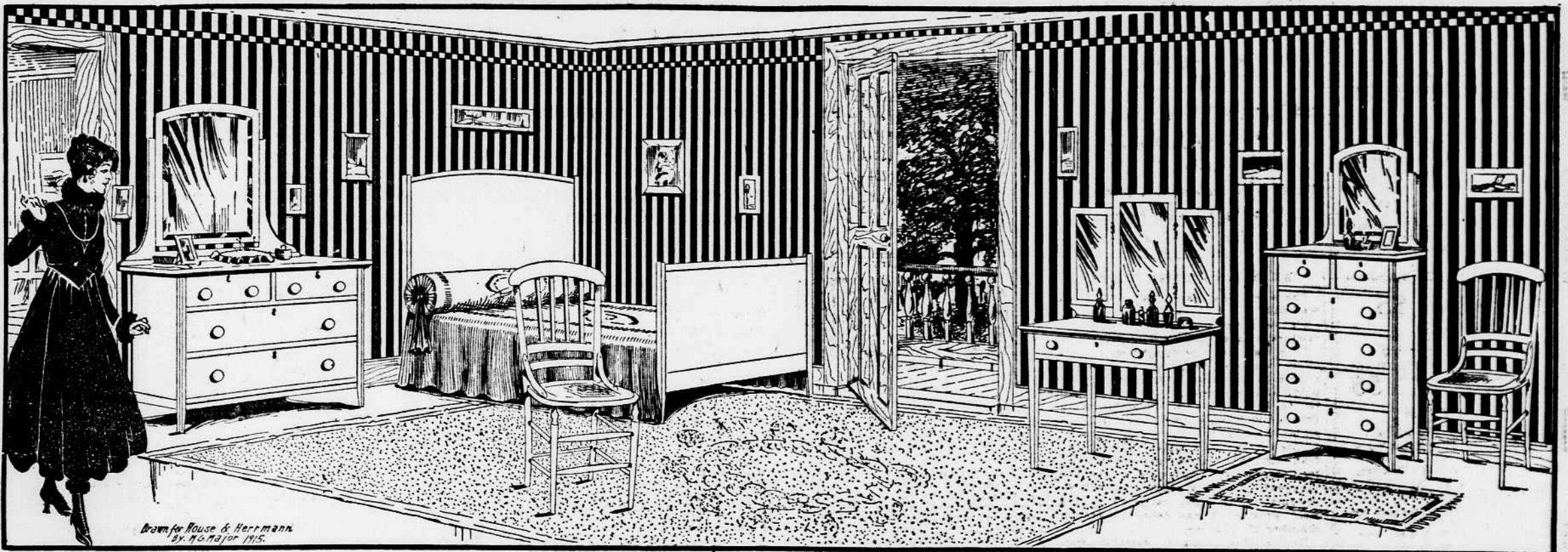
**Asks Damages for Personal Injury.**  
Edward K. Manion has filed suit against the Georgetown and Tennytown Railway Company to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged personal injury. Through Attorney Edwin L. Wilson he says he was a passenger, November 2, 1914, and while attempting to alight at Wisconsin avenue and U street northwest the car was suddenly started and he was thrown to the ground and seriously injured.

**Mrs. Garner Sues for Maintenance.**  
Mrs. Eva R. Garner has filed suit for separate maintenance in the District Supreme Court against T. Walter Garner, an employee of the navy yard. They were married March 6, 1895, and have three children. The wife alleges that her husband deserted her July 26, 1914. Attorney Rice Hoos appears for the wife.

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